

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES:

JUNE 3, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. JONES made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 395.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 395, to authorize the increase of invalid pensions in certain cases, have had the same under consideration, and report:*

That the general laws upon the subject of invalid pensions provide that the *rate* of pension shall bear a relative proportion to the *degree* of disability at the time of granting the pension, and whenever it is made apparent, agreeably to the forms prescribed either by the law or the "regulations" of the department that the *degree* of disability is increased, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make a proportionate increase in the *rate* of pension. The construction put upon these general laws does not allow this increase in case of a person who is pensioned by *special* act. This bill provides for doing away with this distinction.

It has been submitted to the Commissioner of Pensions, who says "there does not appear to be any objection to its passage." The committee report back the bill without amendment, and recommend its passage.

